

The National Archives

South Africa Training Packet, Intermediate Level: Answer Key

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Access the NAAIRS website to answer the following questions:

1. Answer the following questions for the surname “van der Merwe”:

Approximately how many entries show up in the database “RSA” (for all archives)?	40250 (as of 9 September 2015)
Change the database to “KAB” (for Cape Province). How many entries for the surname show up in this index?	13400 (as of 9 September 2015)

2. Paul Kruger was a president of South Africa during the Boer War, and is considered to be a folk hero. Using NAAIRS, look in the Transvaal Archives database for Paul Kruger under his birth name, Stephanus Johannes Paulus Kruger. Death notices for Transvaal are listed under source description MHG. Find the death notice entry for him in 1904.

What is the reference number?	5558
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3. Go to FamilySearch Wiki and look for the Wiki page entitled “South Africa – Genealogy”. Click on “Probate Records” under the Topics list. From that page, choose Transvaal. Read the information in the Wiki article and answer the following questions:

What is the FamilySearch Catalog title for the Death Notices collection?	There are two titles: “Civil registration (death notices), South Africa, South West Africa, Rhodesia, Swaziland, etc., 1869-1939” “Probate records, 1869-1958”
What is the FHL Film number that would have the death notice for Paul Kruger?	His notice is found on two films: 0991006 1295482